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Barbara James introduces our speaker Director David Houck, who went on to tell us about SOZO Kids, a program of The Help Agency of the Forest Inc. which was started in 1993.

David told us a little about his childhood and why he has such a passion for this program. David was driven by his experience as a child in rural poverty. He grew up without many of the necessities of life, including good shoes, new clothing, or ample food supply. He has dedicated himself to help the children like himself break the cycle of poverty. And become productive members of society. David is married with ten + children (several of whom he and his wife adopted out of the Forest). Many of the children he adopted have gone on to college and universities after having gone through the program. These children now have hope for the future. Many of children that Sozo mentors will be the first generation in their families to attend college and not have to live in abject poverty.

Sozo Kids operates three food banks and multiple feeding sites through out the Forest, serving between 5,000 to 7,500 people every month with emergency groceries and hot meals.

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Meet Storm Hall, one of David's adopted children, here he is telling us a little about his past life and about his plans for the future, part of which is he has established a landscaping business and is working and a productive member of society. We all admired his talk, it takes a good man to get up and talk for the first time and tell of his story, not only does he have his own landscaping business but he volunteers at the kitchen and helps others along the way.

Sozo Kids is made up of three basic centers which they call "Turning Point, Mentor Centers.

## !. Turning Point Mentor Centers:

After school and summer programs in four of the poorest areas of the Forest. Theses centers provide safety, homework helo tutoring, food school supplies and much more. Each center services up to 40 children at one time.

### 2. Camp Sozo:

Camp Sozo is situated on a 72 acre property in the heart of the Forest on a private lake. The camp provides a safe, fun, and educational escape for the children to just be "normal". The property also acts a a home base for staff, offices equipment and community events. For more info visit www.campsozo.com.

## 3. The Filling Station:

This is a restaurant that was opened with the soul purpose of giving Forest youth the opportunity for better life, by teaching a work ethic and giving much needed experience and skills to become gainfully employed with a career path that will provide for them and their future family

If you got the time they have the need: contact them at www.sozokids.org

# The Four Way Test Of the things

We think say or do

- 1. Is it the truth?
- 2. Is it <u>fair</u> to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build goodwill and better Friendships?
- 4. Will it be <u>beneficial</u> to all concerned?
- 5. Will it be FUN?

#### **Make Up Opportunities:**

Wildwood—Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

Lake Miona Golf Club

Villages Morning-Thursday 7:00 AM

La Hacienda Recreation Center

Bellview Rotary — Fridays 7:30 AM

Jitter café- Summerfield

Leesburg Rotary—Wednesday 12:15

**Leesburg Community Center** 

Villages Evening — 5PM

**Lake Miona Recreation Center** 

E-Clubs login and follow instruc-

www.rotaryeclub34.org

www.rotaryeclubone.org

www.rotaryeclubcarolinas.org

Visit your Web Site:

www.rotaryclubofthevill agesnoon.org

## **Up Coming Programs**

5/8 Maria Hixon Goodwill-Suncoast

5/15 Club Assembly

5/22 Dr. Vivian Woodard Emanuel Christian Health

Center new shingles vaccine

5/29 TBA

### Attendance:

**Regular& Snowbirds Members: 31** 

**Visitors: 5** 

Total: 36



## **May Birthdays**

**May 1 Chuck Solms** 

May 2 Bob Agnew

May 19 Judy Imlay

**May 5 Barbara Mangels** 

**May 27 Anthony Curinga** 

May 28 Joan Braffet

May 31 Donny Abraham



















## **Fruitland Park Elementary School**

Future Fire Fighters of America, this is what it is all about. The Kids!!!

Our crew at The Fire Station helping the kids with their new personalized books.

To each one thank you for your time.





**Oh Bob !!!** 

The Pot Grows and the cards diminish, so if you want to miss a meeting, go ahead, that gives the rest of us a better chance to win.

There are only 52 cards on the table, that is all that is left between you and the pot. The Joker is waiting for you to start over again next week.



# About \$ 100.00 still up for grabs







## **District Upcoming Dates**

May 3, 2018

Club Officer Submission Deadline

May 11 – 12, 2018

**District Conference and Assembly** 

**Marriott World Center** 

June 16, 2018

District Awards and Guards Banquet

June 24 – 28, 2018

**Rotary International Convention** 

Toronto, Canada

July 27 – August 4, 2018

Wheelchair Games

**Orange County Convention Center** 





He's Back



There is room at the table for you!!!